



Governor **Ralph S. Northam**

COVID-19 Conference Call

with

Faith and Community Leaders

Hosted by the Office of Governor Ralph Northam
and the Virginia Department of Health

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:30 p.m.

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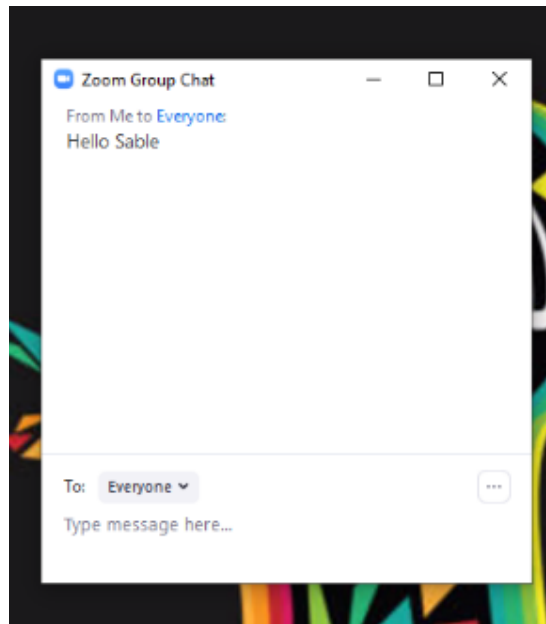
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Welcome

Dr. Janice Underwood,
Chief Diversity Officer for
Governor Ralph S. Northam





PURPOSE

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Equity



Equality



<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/health-equity/definitions/>

Overview of Virtual Meeting Agenda

1. Survey of Faith Leaders
2. Introduction of Governor
3. Remarks by Governor
4. Guidance for Faith Leaders
5. Community Supports
6. 2-1-1 Update
7. Financial Resources Update
8. Cultural Impact
9. Q&A
10. Call to Action and Next Steps

Survey of Faith Leaders



- Please take a moment to fill out the Faith Leaders survey.
- If you registered, we already have your email.
- If you did not register for the email and would like to respond the survey, please email veronica.cosby@vdh.virginia.gov

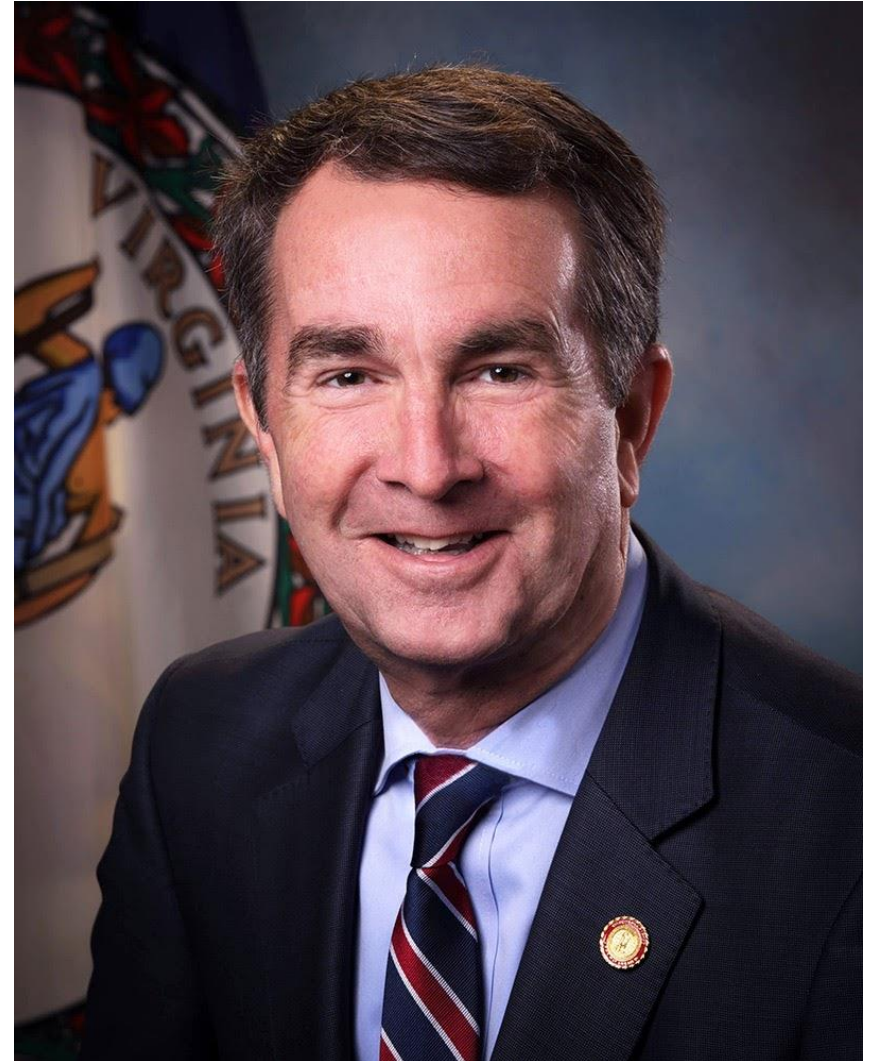
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Introduction of the Governor

Rev. Kelvin Jones, Pastor

Remarks

Governor
Ralph S.
Northam



COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Virginia Overview

Dr. Vanessa Walker-Harris
Deputy Secretary of Health and
Human Resources

COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Virginia

As of March 23, there are **254** presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in Virginia. **Three thousand six hundred ninety-seven** individuals have been tested and **six (6)** have passed away.

This is a rapidly evolving public health situation but here is what has occurred most recently:

- On March 12, Governor Northam declared a State of Emergency with [Executive Order 51](#).
- On March 13, the Governor ordered the [closure of all public and private K-12 schools](#) from March 16 - 27. This includes preschool classrooms at those schools.
- On March 15, the Governor banned all public meetings of 100 people or more.
- On March 17, the Governor and State Health Commissioner issued a public health emergency order directing restaurants, fitness centers, and theaters statewide to reduce capacity to 10 patrons.
- On March 23, the Governor extended closure of all public and private K-12 schools through the end of the school year; ordered the closure of certain non-essential “brick and mortar” businesses for 30 days; and banned public gatherings of more than 10 people. He urged Virginians to avoid non-essential travel outside the home.

Guidance for Faith Leaders

Delegate Luke Torian

Delegate Delores McQuinn

Community Supports

Dr. Megan Healy

Chief Workforce

Development Advisor

Karen Kimsey

Director

Virginia Department of Medical
Assistance Services

Heidi L. Hertz, MS, RD

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

Office of Governor Ralph S. Northam

Commonwealth of Virginia



Virginia Medicaid is Taking Action to Fight COVID-19



Ensuring members do not inadvertently lose coverage due to lapses in paperwork or a change in circumstances



No co-pays for any Medicaid or FAMIS covered service



90 day supply of many routine prescriptions



No pre-approvals needed and automatic approval extensions for many critical medical services





Outreach to higher risk and older members to review critical needs



Encouraging use of telehealth

Stay Connected

- **Sign up for regular updates** and information about your health coverage and COVID-19
<http://bit.ly/VAMedicaidUpdates>
- **Follow us on social media** to keep up with the latest Medicaid news on coronavirus.
 CoverVA  @VaMedicaidDir @CoverVA
- Have other questions about how Medicaid is improving access to care in response to COVID-19? **Contact DMAS** here: <https://bit.ly/ContactDMAS>

Apply for Coverage

- **Virginians can apply for Medicaid coverage** at any time at commonhelp.virginia.gov. Don't wait, apply today.

Feeding Virginia during COVID19

Students and children:

- **100%** of schools providing meals to children **0-18 years old**
- Innovative strategies being used such drive up and bus route deliveries
- Text **"FOOD"** or **"COMIDA"** to **877-877**
- Longer breaks means additional need

Community and family resources:

- Food banks and pantries are the frontlines:
 - Standardizing low/no touch distribution
 - Reserves of government food, decreased grocery store donations
- Changes in access to services:
 - Changing income requirements to allow more Virginians to qualify
 - For seniors over 60, removed the requirement to sign and provide 2 boxes every other month
 - Working with Meals on Wheels
- Call 211 or visit 211virginia.org



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



STATEWIDE RESOURCES FOR ALL VIRGINIANS:

- 211 (phone & web)
- CommonHelp (commonhelp.virginia.gov)
- COVID-19 Portal (dss.virginia.gov)
 - Child Care Providers
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Community Guidance



Guidance for Using 211

2-1-1 is Virginia's central source for information and referrals for essential health and human service needs.

- At the 2-1-1 website, 211virginia.org, people can search for resources, view important alerts, and find out how to contact 211 by email, chat or phone.
- People can dial 2-1-1. This is a free phone number that provides information about local resources such as food assistance, shelter, utility assistance, and health care. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When someone dials 2-1-1, a trained professional listens to the situation and suggests sources of help using one of the largest databases of health and human services in Virginia. All referrals are confidential.
- If an organization provides ongoing services to the general public, they are encouraged to add their organization to the 2-1-1 database through the link "Update/Add Your Agency" at the top of the 2-1-1 web site.
- New time-limited services that are open to the general public during this health emergency, can be sent to 211admin@councilofcommunityservices.org.

Financial Resources Update

Curtis Brown, Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

- Disaster Funding Available through FEMA
- Volunteering: All individuals/organizations interested in volunteering to send their information to this email address: volunteers@vdem.virginia.gov
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD): conducting weekly calls with their member organizations. Information available here: vavoad.org

Tracey Wiley, Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (VDSBSD)

- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Loan Program

Governor Ralph Northam announced last week that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved an SBA disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The disaster declaration will allow SBA to provide assistance to Virginia businesses and nonprofits negatively impacted by COVID-19.

❑ Virginia businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 are now eligible to make online applications to the SBA for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (EIDL) at disasterloan.sba.gov.

❑ SBA's EIDL program offers direct loans up to \$2 million to businesses and nonprofits without access to available credit elsewhere. The interest rate on EIDL loans to businesses is 3.75%. The interest rate for nonprofits is 2.75%.

❑ SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans can provide vital economic support to small businesses by helping to overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing due to COVID-19. The loans may be used to **pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other business expenses**. SBA offers loans with loan terms of up to 30 years in order to keep payments affordable. Loan terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

For a comprehensive list of actions, Governor Northam has announced to combat COVID-19 in Virginia, visit virginia.gov/coronavirus.

Dominion Energy Commits \$1 Million to Coronavirus Relief Efforts

- - \$250,000 committed to American Red Cross to help its response
- \$750,000 committed to nonprofits as response plans develop and local needs are defined
- RICHMOND, Va., March 16, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation is committing \$1 million to aid COVID-19 relief efforts across the United States. The funds will support national organizations, such as the American Red Cross, as well as address local needs.
- For more information, visit <https://www.dominionenergy.com/coronavirus>.

JP MORGAN CHASE COMMITS \$50 MILLION TO ADDRESS CORONAVIRUS IMPACT

www.blackenterprise.com

- With economies on the verge of crashing, the banking institution has made a \$50 million philanthropic investment to help address immediate and long-term impacts of the viral outbreak.
- In its plan, [Chase](#) will pledge \$15 million in initial support for the communities and small businesses that have been severely impacted by the virus, \$5 million to immediate healthcare, food, and global humanitarian relief, \$2 million to worldwide nonprofit partners, \$8 million to assist small businesses across the U.S, [Europe](#), and China, and \$35 million to leverage core areas of expertise to help communities facing hardships due to the virus.

The United Way is...

- Leading the Coronavirus Response Hotline (757-858-7777) to provide non-medical assistance
- Connecting clients to available resources using the Unite Us care coordination platform
- Administering the Coronavirus Recovery Fund to raise funds to support recovery efforts
- Working with our frontline nonprofit partners to identify their needs and help fill gaps
- Partnering with VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads to cross promote efforts and help recruit volunteers
- Publishing up-to-date data, verified services and resources on GHRconnects
- People can find their local United Way by visiting: <https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/#> and entering their Zip Code.

URBAN LEAGUE'S COVID19 ROLE

- ULHR facilitates clergy and community leaders on a bi-weekly call with Sentara Healthcare to get accurate and timely information regarding COVID-19
- ULHR in partnership with UW via the Unite Us system is providing economic relief in a coordinated way to handle the needs regionally.
- ULHR is posting of test sites and food centers.
- ULHR Collaborates with other nonprofits and service providers
- ULHR is delivering food, meds and other relief supplies to at risk clients (immune deficiencies, without transportation or ability to access online assistance)
- ULHR is providing credit counseling and loan modifications assistance using DocuSign and conference calls (required forms located on our website)

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Cultural Impact

Suja Amir

- Governor's Asian American Advisory Board, Member
- Asian Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central VA, Member

Imam Ammar Amonette

- Islamic Center of Virginia



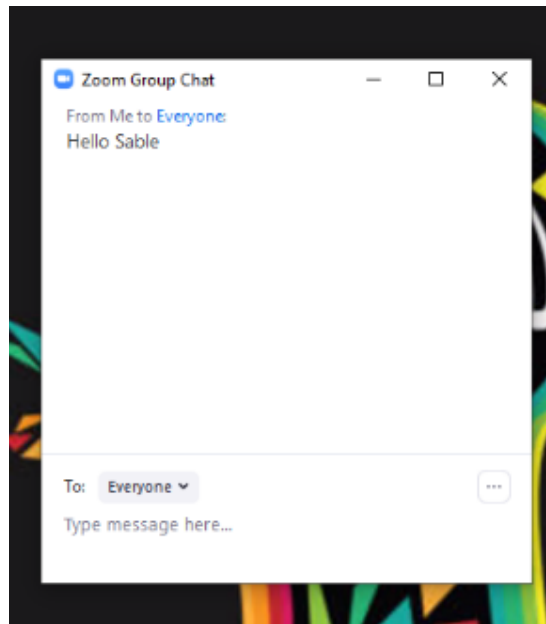
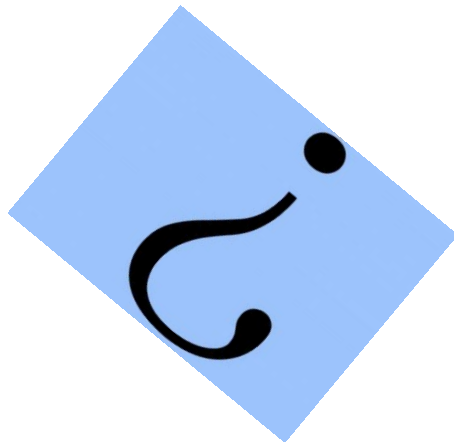
Q&A



- Given the number of people who are participating, we will not be able to answer every question.
- However, we will do our best to address as many questions that we can in the time allotted.

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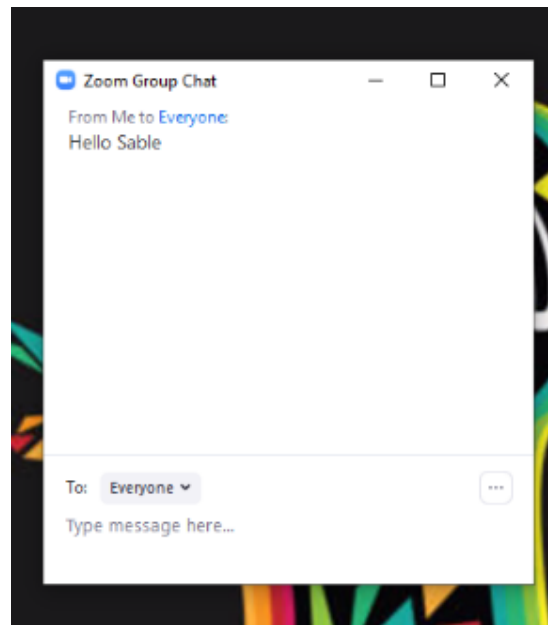
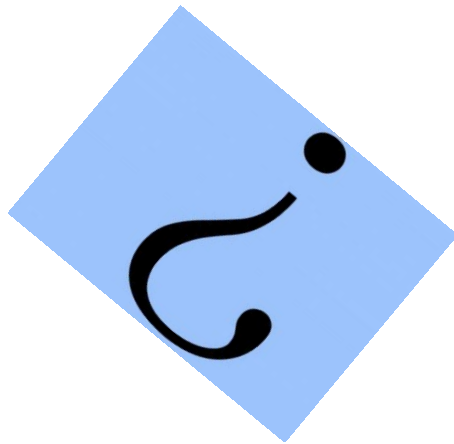
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